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Back to School

September

On the Road Again…

Back by popular demand: *On the Road with the Library of Michigan and Friends.* This year's theme is Fractured Fairy Tales, so be ready for a fun-filled morning of information and updates! We'll follow that up with afternoon breakout sessions on topics such as genealogy for kids and a chance to offer feedback on proposed quality measures for libraries around the state. All sessions will run 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and will be worth 0.5 CEUs. The cost is $10, which includes lunch. Dates and locations are as follows:

9/17/02: Library of
　　　　　Michigan, Lansing

9/18/02: Houghton Lake
　　　　　Public Library,
　　　　　Houghton Lake

9/20/02: Kalamazoo Public
　　　　　Library,
　　　　　Kalamazoo

9/25/02: Peter White Public
　　　　　Library, Marquette

9/27/02: Canton Public
　　　　　Library, Canton

LearnATest Added to MeL Databases

by Jo Budler, Deputy State Librarian

In an innovative, first of its kind partnership among State of Michigan agencies, a total of $4 million in federal Reed Act funds were appropriated to the Library of Michigan. These funds are excess Federal Unemployment Insurance Trust Act (FUTA) reserve proceeds released to the states, generally during economic recessions, to help meet the needs of unemployed workers. The states can utilize the funding for program administration and expanded benefits. The Reed Act funds will be used to provide grants and other support to libraries across the state of Michigan to facilitate patrons applying for unemployment benefits and seeking employment via the Internet.

As part of this effort, the Library of Michigan has contracted with Learning Express to add the LearnATest.com/Library service to MeL databases (formerly known as AccessMichigan). This service will be available to all Michigan residents, both through their libraries and through remote patron access. It is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2002 and will continue through September 30, 2005.

LearnATest.com/ Library is the leading source of test preparation materials and interactive practice exams, based on official tests. The purpose of this service is to help individuals improve scores on academic, civil service, military, and professional licensing and certification exams. LearnATest provides immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and individualized analysis of an individual's score. In addition, course and study material is available for individual use.

The Library of Michigan has arranged for libraries who currently subscribe to LearnATest to have the following three options, i.e. any existing customers may:

· Receive a refund for the difference after pro-rating their subscription;

· Use the difference as a credit to be used toward other LearningExpressLibrary.com products. Currently there is the Rosetta Stone on-line language learning and there will be others in the future; or

· Use the difference as a credit to subscribe to LearnATest.com/Library in the future in the event that the Library of Michigan is unable to continue to provide access to this database after the three years.

Librarians who purchased this product through MLC should contact MLC directly to learn of refund options.

The Library of Michigan continues to contract with MLC to provide training through trainers located across the state. Training on this database will be incorporated into upcoming MeL (AccessMichigan) database training.

During the fall of 2002, the Library will launch a new grant program to which libraries may apply for the remaining Reed Act funds. Details of this program are forthcoming.

Notes from the State Librarian
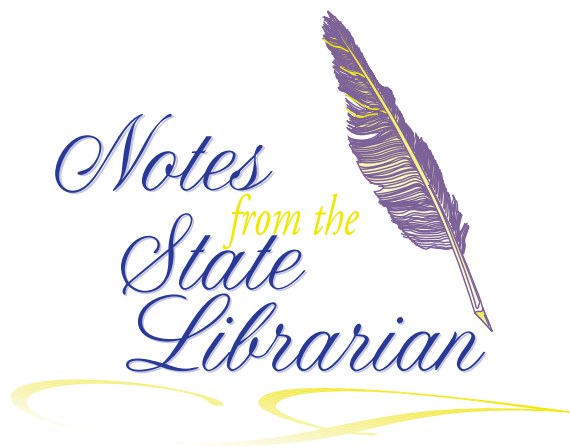
I've been visiting libraries again, and every time I do I learn something new! It's always fun to see the children's summer library activities going on, and it's also been wonderful to see the innovative ways in which librarians are serving people and marketing the library. I've discovered that one thing all successful librarians do is communicate well with their customers and their community. I recently visited a library director who told me that, even though she was very busy in her job, she continues to be active in the community, especially in the local service club. She said that she felt attending the weekly meetings was part of her job and helped her "touch base" with her community.

I also see a lot of communication going on recently between librarians. I slipped into a couple of the PLFIG and QSAC committee meetings last month to hear the discussions as these groups plan models of funding and benchmarks for libraries. I am impressed with the amount of work these committees have undertaken. The participants are passionate, engaged and are working hard to determine outcomes that will move Michigan libraries forward.

The librarians and trustees in Michigan are bright, talented and have lots to share with each other. I can't think of a library problem that we can't solve if we just work together and actively communicate. As I've said many times before, even though we have all types of libraries in this state, we have more in common than not!

Happy September!

Christie

MeL Makeover: Database Renewal Process Underway

by Jo Budler, Deputy State Librarian

During May and June, the Library of Michigan held 9 feedback groups around the state. More than 165 people attended these sessions, where Jo Budler and a representative from MLC gave updates on the database renewal process used this year and the process to be used for the October 2003 renewal and explained MLC's role in aggregating demand for databases outside of the statewide MeL databases. In addition, attendees gave suggestions on what topics might be included in the RFP for database subscriptions to begin on October 1, 2003. Those unable to attend a session had the opportunity to complete an online survey so their feedback could be taken into consideration.

The end result was a very lengthy "wish list" used in the creation of the RFP. While it is always good to dream and wish for additional databases, funding is limited and will probably not allow us to subscribe to databases in all the subject areas listed in the RFP. The Library of Michigan plans to continue to subscribe to a core set of databases within MeL, which will be available to all non-profit Michigan libraries and the residents of the state. Core services should include: general news, general interest, health, business, databases for the K-12 audience, bibliographic, genealogy and library science. Other subjects on the wish list, which may be included if funding allows, are (in alphabetical order): art, automotive databases, career databases, college information, education professional, general academic, law, literature, music, sciences and social sciences.

During May and June, more than 80 librarians across the state answered the call for volunteers. These volunteers will help evaluate the databases that vendors offer up in their response to the Library's RFP. These 80-plus volunteers were divided among the subject areas. Each team has 4 to 6 members and will have a representative who may be called upon to assist in the final evaluation of the RFP.

It was a busy summer. During July, the RFP was completed. A database evaluation form was created and refined by evaluation team members and Library of Michigan staff. It is expected that the RFP will be issued in early September, with a response required by November 1, 2002. Vendors will be required to make databases available via the Web for trial by review team members from October 15 through January 15. All evaluation forms are due no later than January 15 from the

various review teams. (Please see timeline below for complete listing of projected deadlines.)

Although the MeL database renewal process is very detailed and labor intensive, the Library of Michigan planned it to be highly participatory so that members of the library community could add their suggestions and their expertise to the process. It is our belief that this will make the end product, the new MeL database package that will start on October 1, 2003, an even more relevant and valuable resource. Special thanks go to all who have participated in this process, including those who filled out the survey online, those who attended feedback sessions, and especially those who will be serving as database reviewers.

September 1, 2002
Release of RFP

November 1, 2002
4:30 p.m. EST - Deadline for receipt of proposals

November 4, 2002 – January 15, 2003
Trial of databases by review teams

October 15, 2002 – January 15, 2003
Review of proposals

January 15, 2003
Deadline for input from review teams

January 15, 2003 – February 5, 2003
Confidential negotiation with selected proposers

March 5, 2003
Contract(s) awarded

March 15, 2003
Contract(s) signed

October 1, 2003
Service starts

Library of Michigan Celebrates
Family History Month in October

by Randy Riley, Special Collections Services Supervisor, Library of Michigan

Governor John Engler recently declared October as Family History Month in Michigan. To celebrate this special event, the Library of Michigan has planned numerous activities throughout the month.

Beginning Your Genealogy Research
Wednesday, October 2, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
This session will serve as an introduction to getting started with your family history.

Genealogy Research With the 1930 Census
Saturday, October 5, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 9, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Researchers will be provided with an overview of how to more effectively use the recently released 1930 census resources.

Genealogy Appreciation Day and Award Presentation
Sunday, October 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Comments from Deputy State Librarian Jo Budler and James Haveman, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health, regarding the importance of genealogy in gaining a better understanding of Michigan's history. Presentation of the Genealogy Achievement Award. Reception in the Rotunda.

AncestryPlus: An Online Genealogy Resource
Sunday, October 6, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Library of Michigan staff will present a session introducing researchers to the various resources available on the Internet through AncestryPlus.

Abrams Genealogy Series: French Canadian Resources
Saturday, October 12, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
The Library's traditional and electronic French Canadian resources and strategies for locating French Canadian ancestors will be discussed.

Ralph J. Crandall Presentation
Saturday, October 12, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Ralph J. Crandall, Executive Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, will discuss the migration to Michigan from New England.

Ralph J. Crandall Presentation
Sunday, October 13, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Crandall will discuss the state of genealogy in the U.S.

Finding Michigan Vital Records
Saturday, October 19, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 23, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
This session will provide information on how to locate Michigan vital records at the Library of Michigan and direct researchers to resources located outside the Library.

How to Organize Your Genealogy
Saturday, October 26, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Attendees will be provided with information on how to document their research and organize their genealogical findings to save time and promote publication.

For more information about any of these programs, please call (517) 373-1300.

Also, in an effort to thank our supportive users, the Library will remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Traditional hours will resume in November.

State Librarian's Excellence Award Deadline for Nominations Approaching

by Sarah Watkins, Executive Director, Library of Michigan Foundation

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On Thursday, October 31, at the State Librarian's Luncheon during the annual Michigan Library Association conference, the Library of Michigan Foundation will award its second annual *State Librarian's Excellence Award* to a Michigan library that best exemplifies excellence in customer service.

As in 2001, the recipient library of this prestigious award will receive a check for $5,000 and a distinctive trophy. Two *Citations of Excellence* will also be awarded.

A letter with a copy of the criteria for the award was sent out on August 9. You can also view the criteria by going to the Library of Michigan's Web site at *www.libraryofmichigan.org* and clicking on Library of Michigan Foundation. Click on the icon for the *State Librarian's Excellence Award,* on the right side of the Foundation page at the top, to find the criteria. The deadline for nominations is September 30.

Last year's recipients were:

- Houghton Lake Public Library: State Librarian's Excellence Award 2001 and $5,000
- Chesterfield Township Library: Citation of Excellence
- Public Libraries of Saginaw: Citation of Excellence

Please contact the Foundation office at (517) 373-1297 for additional information on the 2002 award.

MeL Makes *Detroit Free Press* List of Favorite Michigan Web Sites

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

We all have long known that MeL is among the best the Internet has to offer, and now the *Detroit Free Press* has confirmed it. On its recently released list of favorite Michigan Web sites, the *Free Press* named MeL the winner in the education category.

Free Press technology writers Mike Wendland and Heather Newman wrote: "It's the official Web site of the Library of Michigan, one of the Internet's oldest and most respected resources. In fact, MeL is such a pioneer in the online directory and information service that the more famous Yahoo! search engine used its site as a model in the early 90s. Here you'll find 1,600 popular business and health magazines, 10,000 nonfiction ebooks and a wide assortment of databases, almanacs, card catalogs and research material previously only available in person in libraries across the state."

SBPH Services to Schools and Students

by Andrew Wilson, SBPH Services and Data Analyst, Library of Michigan

The Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides recreational reading materials for students of all ages and schools, in both Braille and cassette, and provides playback equipment free of charge to qualifying schools and students.

All applications (individual and school) must be signed by a "competent authority." Under Public Law 89-522, only persons whose reading disabilities are physically based are eligible for the talking-book program. An individual whose reading disability does not have a physical origin is not eligible. Federal regulation requires the signature of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy on the application to certify not only that a reading disability exists and is serious enough to prevent reading regular printed material in a normal manner, but also that the identified condition has a physical basis.

In cases of blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitations, "competent authority" is defined to include doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; and professional staff of hospitals, institutions and public or private welfare agencies.

Elementary, middle and high schools can sign up for a school year (August to June) and must re-register every year. Students who sign up can remain active for life with the Library of Michigan SBPH as long as they borrow one book each year.

The following organizations also assist students with visual, physical and reading disabilities:

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
http://www.rfbd.org
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(800) 221-4792

Michigan's Assistive Technology Resource (MATR)
http://www.matr.org
1023 South U.S. 27
St. Johns, MI 48879-2424
(800) 274-7426 or (989) 224-0333

To receive a school application, an application for a student or for more information on services to students who have a visual, physical or reading disability, contact Nancy Skowronek at (517) 373-7132 or *nskowronek@michigan.gov.*

A Tool For Choosing Children's Books: Online Book Reviews from the Superiorland Preview Center

by Mary Ann Paulin, Director of the Superiorland Preview Center

The Superiorland Preview Center (SPC) is an online children's book review service available free to anyone who has access to the Internet. The review site, hosted by the Superiorland Library Cooperative in Marquette, appears at *www.uproc.lib.mi.us/spc.*

Providing children with quality up-to-date literature is an essential first step in the literacy process. Professionals and parents need access to the newest books to share with children, as well as the skills to evaluate these books. The SPC provides children's books to reviewers, presents workshops on how to evaluate and review the books, and distributes the resulting reviews via the Web so others can share them as selection tools.

The reviews are organized like the books in a public library or a school library/media center. The non-fiction section, vertically along the left side of the screen, is arranged by Dewey Decimal categories. The holiday section, under 394.2, is arranged by seasons, then by individual holidays. The picture book section, one of the largest, is organized by 20 subjects; i.e., alphabet, counting, family, wordless, books in rhyme, or concept books. The site includes reviews of book/media packages, board books and easy readers. Fiction is arranged by 16 genres. Michigan librarians will be interested to know that connections to Michigan and the Great Lakes area are noted in the reviews.

Of special interest is a Literary Links section that includes addresses for children's book awards, organizations, online bookstores and the UPRLC (Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation) online catalog.

The SPC was originally funded with a 1998 grant from the Library Services and Technology Act. Start-up costs included computers, a data projector, stationery, Web site design and the initial workshops. Reviewers attended workshops in examining fiction, nonfiction, or picture book/easy readers. Attending workshops is a prerequisite for writing SPC book reviews.

After books are reviewed, they are placed in libraries designated by the reviewers, most of which are in the Upper Peninsula. Since most Upper Peninsula libraries are connected by the online catalog with inter-library loan capabilities, librarians can borrow the books if they want to examine them, making the site a

virtual preview center. The UPRLC catalog, available to anyone on the Web, is a link from the Superiorland Library Cooperative home page or the SPC Literary Links page.

The next SPC workshop, "Examining Fiction Books," will be a pre-conference for MAME 29 in Traverse City on November 14, 2002.

Mary Ann Paulin is a retired school library/media specialist who has served K-12 schools in Michigan and Indiana for 32 years, has taught numerous library science courses, has written three books for teachers and librarians and is an international speaker.

Upcoming LM Workshops Around the State

by Karrie Waarala, Continuing Education Specialist, Library of Michigan

September and October will be filled with continuing education opportunities offered around the state by the Library of Michigan.

In September, in addition to *On the Road with Library of Michigan and Friends* (see front page)*,* there will be a workshop on *Teen Sensitivity*, a chance to get to know what makes young adults tick and what they want from your library. This workshop will be held at the Library of Michigan from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, and will be videoconferenced to Peter White Public Library in Marquette and University Center in Gaylord. The cost is $10, and 0.5 CEUs will be available.

October gets underway with a series of *Annual Report/State Aid Application Online Training* sessions. We encourage all libraries to attend this workshop, which will cover the steps from sign-on to submission in a hands-on computer lab environment. These sessions are free and will be worth 0.2 CEUs. Dates and locations are as follows (times are 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted):

10/3/02: Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library, Cadillac

10/4/02: Library of Michigan, Lansing

10/8/02: Jackson District Library, Jackson

10/15/02: Monroe County Library System, Monroe

10/16/02: Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative, Paw Paw (9 to 11 a.m. & 1 to 3 p.m.)

10/17/02: Suburban Library Cooperative, Clinton Township

10/22/02: Northland Library Cooperative, Alpena (9:30 to 11:30 a.m.)

10/22/02: North Central Michigan College, Petoskey (2 to 4 p.m.)

10/23/02: Peter White Public Library, Marquette

Also in October…does your library's Web site need a little help? Then be sure to attend *Building a Library Internet Branch*. Participants at this hands-on workshop will learn just what turns a Web site from so-so to spectacular and will leave with the template upon which to expand their online services. The cost is $15, and 0.3 CEUs will be available. Dates and locations are:

10/21/02, 1 to 4 p.m.: Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville

10/24/02, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library, Cadillac

11/5/02, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Canton Public Library, Canton

Watch your mail and the Library of Michigan Web site for registration information for all of these workshops. If you have any questions, contact Karrie Waarala, Continuing Education Specialist at the Library of Michigan, at 517-373-3746 or *kwaarala@michigan.gov.*

MeL Goes "Back to School"

Looking for back-to-school information? Check out the Back to School page featured this fall on the MeL Internet section. Topic areas include:

Health and Safety
• Backpack safety
• School Bus Safety
• Immunizations
• Meningitis

Homework Help

Fall Sports
• High School
• College

Fall Recreation
• Fall Color
• Harvest links
• Cider Mills

And many more!

NetFirst to Become Part of WorldCat

by Kathy Cadwallader, Michigan eLibrary Training Coordinator, Michigan Library Consortium

OCLC is integrating the OCLC NetFirst database into WorldCat on the OCLC FirstSearch service, and NetFirst will no longer be available as a separate database.

In July, OCLC removed access to NetFirst from all FirstSearch authorizations. Virtually all NetFirst records have been part of WorldCat since August 2000, and WorldCat searches can be easily limited to Internet-only records. WorldCat also includes records for Internet resources that have been added by member libraries and netLibrary records, thus making WorldCat a more complete source of information on high-quality Web sites.

Search for Internet resources by choosing the WorldCat database in FirstSearch and using the advanced search option. Type in the keywords for your search and scroll down to the lower portion of the search box, where you will see many checkboxes. Put a check in the box next to Internet Resources. Your result list will contain Web sites as well as netLibrary ebooks that are available on the Internet, some of which will be part of our MeL ebooks collection. Try some of the sample searches below.

Homework Help Sites

On the top line, search for *homework help* as a keyword search. Scroll down and check the box for Internet Resources. Do your search. When you get your result list, click the link for the Multnomah County Library - Homework Center. At the Web site, explore the Biographies section. When you are finished, look for the return button in the blue bar at the top of your screen to return to FirstSearch.

American Artists

Recently, in a partnership with AskART.com, over 15,000 individual entries for American artists have been added to WorldCat. AskART.com's focus is on North American artists, and their Web site *(http://www.askart.com)* contains biographies, images, bibliographies, exhibit calendars, auction records, etc., for several thousand painters, sculptors, illustra-tors and cartoonists. To locate an example in WorldCat, enter *Georgia O'Keeffe* as a subject in the first search box. Enter *AskART* as a keyword in the second box. Below, limit your search to Internet Resources by clicking the checkbox. Do your search. From the result list, click the link to see the Internet site. At the site, look at the links in the Artist Summary box and click the link for "Museums for this Artist." Go back and also look for the link in the left column for "Biography" to see essays about the artist submitted by galleries.

American Civil War Photographs

In the first box, search for *American civil war* as a subject. In the second box, search for *photographs* as a keyword. Limit your search to Internet Resources below by clicking in the checkbox. At the bottom of the search box, you will see a note that says "Rank by." Using the drop-down menu, change the ranking option to Relevance. Do your search.

Small Business Resources in the MeL Ebook Collection

There are many resources in the MeL ebook collection about small business development and management. To locate ebooks on starting a business, enter *business* as a keyword in the top box on the advanced search screen. Enter *start or starting* in the second box. Scroll down and check the box next to Internet Resources. Scroll to the bottom of the search area and find the area to enter a library code. Enter *M7@* in this box. Do your search. When your list of results comes up, click the link next to the graphic indicating that you have located a netLibrary ebook.
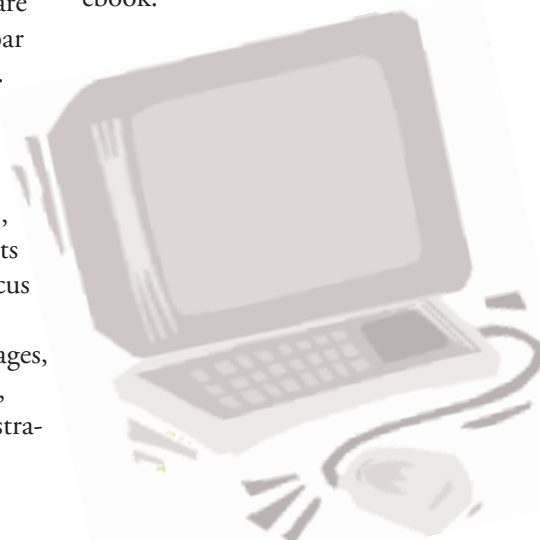
Now That BIP Is No Longer in MeL, Where Do I Look?

by Kathy Cadwallader, Michigan eLibrary Training Coordinator, Michigan Library Consortium

On October 1, 2002, MeL will no longer have access to Books In Print (BIP) through FirstSearch. Many library staff members used BIP to locate publisher and price information for book purchasing operations. We do have several options that may be useful as a replacement. Using a combination of WorldCat and several commercial Web sites, you will be able to locate much of the information you are seeking.

WorldCat contains publisher and ISBN information for most items in print. In addition to print materials, WorldCat also lists items in many other formats, including audiobooks, videos, CDs and DVDs. It is easy to use WorldCat to locate this information. Below are several examples of bibliographic information that can be found through WorldCat. All of the searches below are done using the advanced search option.

Title known, seeking ISBN

You would like to locate an ISBN for *Whose Detroit?: Politics, Labor, and Race in a Modern American City*. In the first search box, enter *whose Detroit* and change the drop down menu to Title. Do your search. Your title should be the top title on your results list. Click the title link to display the detailed record. In this record, you'll see the ISBN in two places, at the top of the record in the brief bibliographic information from the publisher and about halfway down the record in the area that says "Standard No."

ISBN known, seeking publisher

A staff member has given you a request to order a title but you have spilled your coffee on the note and only the ISBN is legible. On the advanced search screen for WorldCat, enter *0465036317* and change the drop down menu to ISBN. Do your search. WorldCat will show you a link for the book title. Click the title of the book to see the detailed record containing author and publisher information, as well as a link to the table of contents.

Series known, seeking titles

Dragons of a Vanished Moon by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman has just been published. It is the third volume of the *War of Souls* series. Your patron would like you to order the other titles in the series but doesn't know the titles. In the WorldCat advanced search screen, enter *War of Souls* in the first search box. Change the drop down menu to Series Title. In the next box, search for *Weis* and change the dropdown menu to Author. Do your search. The other titles in the series are at the top of your results list.

Title known, verify author

You would like to purchase a picture book called *A Winter Concert*. More than one book with that title appears in WorldCat. You know the story is about mice. Search for *winter concert* as a title and *mice* as a keyword. Do your search. You should end up with a book by Yuko Takao as your result.

Once you have the bibliographic information about the title, you may need to locate price and availability information. At this point, you have the option of turning to several commercial Web sites. Amazon.com (*http://www.amazon.com*) is frequently searched for pricing information, reviews and availability. Barnes and Noble also features similar information at *http://www.bn.com.* Powell's Books at *http://www.powells.com* is another good source for bibliographic information.

In addition, many book distributors also have Web sites. A few are listed below.

The Association of American University Presses Online Catalog
http://aaup.uchicago.edu

Baker and Taylor, Inc.
http://www.btol.com

Blackwell North America
http://www.blackwell.com

Demco Media
http://www.demcomedia.com

Greenwood Publishing Group
http://www.greenwood.com

Ingram
http://www.ingrambookgroup.com

Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc.
http://www.rittenhouse.com

YBP
http://www.ybp.com

Michigan Libraries Win Big in LAMA Best of Show Awards

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Michigan libraries prevailed in the 2002 Best of Show awards recently announced by the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) Public Relations and Marketing Section Swap and Shop Committee. Of the 50 awards given to libraries around the country, 12 went to Michigan libraries – that's nearly 25 percent! The awards are given annually to recognize the best individual pieces of public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year.

Congratulations to these winners:

Flint Public Library – Bibliographies, Diversity, Services/Policy/Orientation, and Special Events/Programs Honorable Mention

Genesee District Library – Special Events/Programs Honorable Mention

Howell Carnegie District Library – Internet and Newsletters

Kalamazoo Public Library – Fundraising and Special Events/Programs

West Bloomfield Township Public Library – Calendars of Events and Children's Summer Reading Program

William C. Faust Public Library (Westland) – Special Events/Programs
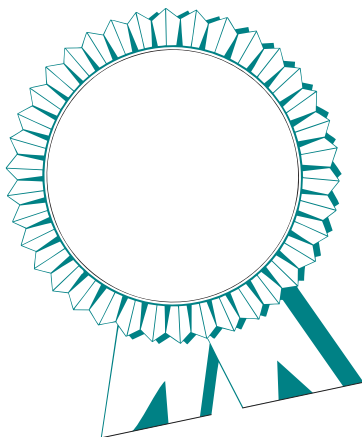
Contest Helps Bring Students to the Library

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

The Chesterfield Township Library recently utilized ALA's @Your Library campaign to promote the library to students, implementing a contest designed to get them acquainted with the various resources available in their public library. The goal of this program was to get students in two local school districts to check out at least one book from the library between February 9 and May 1, 2002. This, of course, required the children to get a library card if they did not already have one. Students also received extra points for attending various library programs.

Classes competed against each other as well as against schools within their district. The program included all classes in grades K-12 within the library's service area. Each winning school (one in each district) received a trophy for its achievement, and each student in the winning classes received a copy of an inscribed paperback book.

This initiative was successful in bringing additional school visits to the library. Nearly 300 students visited the library, applied for library cards and checked out books during this time. The program also gave kids a chance to check out the library's new and long-awaited children's room.

The library, which plans to repeat the program in the coming school year, wants students to feel at home and not feel intimidated by their public library and to eventually become life-long library users.

Marta Kwitkowsky, head of Children's Services, says, "If you use the public library as a child, you will use it as an adult too."

Students at Naldrett Elementary School enjoy their prizes

Database of the Month
ERIC

by Linda Neely, Public Services, Library of Michigan

Who or what is ERIC? The acronym stands for Educational Resources Information Center, and the "Center" is actually comprised of 13 subject-oriented clearinghouses and one central reproduction center known as EDRS (ERIC Document Reproduction Service). Located at universities throughout the country, the clearinghouses produce information in their subject specialties, often collaborating with government and/or private education agencies. A clearinghouse may also analyze or digest externally authored data to produce reports and digests that are later printed or microfilmed and indexed along with clearinghouse authored publications in the monthly RIE (*Resources in Education*) index.

The ERIC database covers the period 1966 to present, containing nearly one million citations and abstracts for materials indexed in RIE and citations for journal articles indexed in the monthly *Current Index to Journals in Education* (CIJE). The breadth, consistency and precision of ERIC indexing and abstracting make this database the premier instrument for locating all manner of U.S. K-12 information and certainly one of the best instruments for locating information on adult, vocational and higher education topics.

The ERIC database employs 5 basic and 21 additional indexes, offering users a remarkable number of access points. Key indexes include the title, abstract and descriptor fields. Although ERIC descriptors may be commonly used education terms, it is helpful to provide patrons with a link to the ERIC Help Wizard *(http://searcheric.org/)* to help them find the current *ERIC Thesaurus* terms for their concept. For archival document retrieval, older print ERIC thesauri may be consulted. It is possible to limit ERIC searches to digests only and, of course, to limit by year. Limiting by year becomes particularly important when using descriptors, which change every few years, and helps to avoid obtaining too many hits. A combined search in ERIC, Education Abstracts and WilsonSelectPlus using ERIC descriptors as subjects may yield targeted results, including some full text documents. If the ERIC descriptor doesn't work, try appropriate keywords in all three databases. Our current FirstSearch interface allows Michigan users a handy trick for retrieving full text for ERIC CIJE searches: Execute the search in ERIC, but check the full text box. If a CIJE article is available in Wilson, its Wilson full text record comes up. This method provides the advantage of limiting the search to education-related articles while providing full text that is not available in ERIC.

Lack of full text in the ERIC database can be distressing. Fortunately, the full text of many current digests now appears below the bibliographic data and abstract in ERIC database records. For a cleaner copy, you can retrieve the full text at the ERIC Web site. Many ERIC records for RIE items now include links to the EDRS data archive; there the PDF versions are available for fee-based download. If an RIE image is not available, offline prints may be ordered from EDRS. Visit the ERIC Web site at *www.eric.ed.gov* for further information on the database and the wide range of ERIC services.

Announcing Michigan Authors & Illustrators!

by Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book Coordinator

Who is a Michigan author or illustrator?
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Just in time for the nation wide focus on books at the National Book Festival, the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Center for the Book and the Michigan Association of Media in Education (MAME) announce the public launch of their collaborative project, the Michigan Authors & Illustrators database. This database will provide information on authors to readers interested in our state, librarians looking for titles to purchase, students working on school assignments, and people looking for authors who can be presenters. It will be available through the Michigan eLibrary at *http://mel.org/miai/miai.html.*

The collaboration has included content from MAME and programming and technical assistance from the Library of Michigan. Judy Evers, Della Wilder, Pat Charlton and Marie Charnley of MAME are the content editors. At the Library of Michigan, Karren Reish has coordinated the effort of various Information System and Public Services employees and the MAME editors. After more than a year of hard work, we are proud to present a valuable resource to those interested in Michigan's literary heritage and culture.

The Michigan Association of Media in Education has been known for reference works on Michigan authors. The database follows the format and criteria of those earlier works. For example, Michigan authors and illustrators are defined as those who were born in Michigan, live or have lived in Michigan or have works set in Michigan. The database includes biographical information on the author, a bibliography of works by the author and about the author, lists of awards, photos and book covers, personal statements and whether or not the author is available for presentations. This new version of Michigan Authors and Illustrators is also cumulative. It currently includes the content of the 3rd edition of Michigan Authors as well as new authors. Materials from MAME's earlier books will be added to the database as time goes on.

A reception to showcase the database will be held in the Michigan Library and Historical Center Rotunda at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th. Our featured guest will be Gijsbert van Frankenhuysen, the illustrator of children's titles such as *The Legend of Sleeping Bear, The Legend of Mackinac Island* and other titles by Sleeping Bear Press. He will be speaking about his works and the importance of encouraging reading by providing resources for children and adults to find authors and works of interest. Please stop by to hear our speakers and see a demonstration of the Michigan Authors & Illustrators database.

The database has been partially funded by LSTA and the reception by the National Center for the Book.

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Trustees Corner

by Dragomir Cosanici, Library Law Specialist, Library of Michigan

THE AFTERMATH OF THE CIPA RULING

On May 31, 2002, a three-judge panel sitting on the United Stated District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania found the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), section 254(h)(6), unconstitutional under the First Amendment and permanently enjoined the government from enforcing it [*ALA vs. U.S.,* CIV.A. #01-1322 (E.D. Penn. May 31, 2002)]. The Court specifically held that "because of the inherent limitations in filtering technology, public libraries can never comply with CIPA without blocking access to a substantial amount of speech that is both constitutionally protected and fails to meet even the filtering companies' own filtering criteria." What does this mean?

Specifically, the government, through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), cannot withhold funds from libraries applying for e-rate discounts or LSTA funding on the grounds that they have failed to install mandatory filters on every computer. The invalidation of filtering requirements under section 254(h)(6) of CIPA applies to public and private libraries. It does not, however, apply to schools. CIPA filtering requirements as applied to schools and school libraries have not been challenged, so these requirements remain in effect for schools and school libraries.

Congress established conditions on the use of computers with Internet access not only in the invalidated provisions of CIPA but also in the unchallenged Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA). To be specific, section 254(I) of the NCIPA requires some conditions to be met by both schools and libraries that receive discounts on Internet access or internal connections.

A library or a school receiving e-rate discounts for these services is still required to have an Internet Safety Policy that addresses: (1) access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web, (2) the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications, (3) unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawful activities by minors online, (4) unautho-

rized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors and (5) measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors. [*See, e.g.,* 47 USCA § 254(l)(1)(A).] This Internet Safety Policy must be adopted after a mandatory local public meeting or hearing on the matter. [*See, e.g.*, 47 USCA § 254(l)(1)(A).]

In further keeping with the Court's permanent injunction, on June 28, 2002, the FCC adopted measures to ensure compliance with the Court's CIPA decision to invalidate mandatory filters on every computer. The following measures ensure that library applicants in funding year 2001 will not be penalized:

- USAC, the Administrator, will accept Forms 486 from funding year 2001 library applicants who did not previously submit these forms, without adjusting the Service Start Date on the 486 and without reducing funding if those forms are submitted by October 26, 2002. Eligible library applicants need not wait until October 26, 2002, and are encouraged to submit their Forms 486 as soon as possible. Forms 486 postmarked after October 26, 2002, will be subject to the normal 120-day rule for Forms 486.

- USAC will restore funding reductions that resulted from libraries' Forms 486 postmarked after October 28, 2001, but such Forms 486 will be subject to the normal 120-day rule. If an applicant had received a Funding Commitment Decision Letter and service had started before October 28 but the Form 486 was postmarked after October 28, the service start date was moved to the postmark date and funds were reduced accordingly. Under this new direction from the FCC, the Service Start Date will be moved back in time to a date 120 days before the postmark date of the Form 486 and funds will be restored as appropriate.

- USAC will identify Forms 486 from library applicants that were rejected for failure to have a CIPA certification and process those forms without applying any penalty for the absence of CIPA certifications, but will apply the normal 120-day rule.

- USAC will identify Forms 486 filed by consortia applicants that include library members and that were filed late or where

the applicant reduced the funding commitment via a Form 500 to eliminate funds for library members. If filed late, fund reductions associated with libraries will be restored. If funds were voluntarily reduced, USAC will process requests for restoration of funds from consortia applicants who submit such requests by October 26, 2002.

Because a provision of the CIPA was found unconstitutional, the judicial decision is subject to direct review by the United States Supreme Court. (Pub. L. No. 106-554, § 1741.) As such, on June 20, the United States Justice Department formally notified the United States Supreme Court that it would appeal this ruling.

We at the Library of Michigan are diligently working with the American Library Association, its Office of Intellectual Freedom and legal counsel to keep Michigan libraries up-to-date on any new developments or explanations concerning CIPA. Look for more information in *Access* and on the American Library Association's Web site. Please also watch for announcements on *michlib-l* and from your library cooperatives.

Working Hard for Better Libraries: *Shirley Bruursema Is on the Job*

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Shirley Bruursema of Grand Rapids was recently elected first vice-president/president-elect of the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) during the ALA annual election. She will become ALTA president in June 2003, when she will be sworn in at the ALA Annual Conference in Toronto. ALTA is the division of ALA that strives to educate and empower library trustees to advocate for and adopt library policies that promote the highest quality library services and ensure access to information for all.

Ms. Bruursema serves as vice-president of the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board, representing Kent District Library, and as president of MLA's Michigan Trustee Roundtable. She is also very involved in the Public Library Funding Initiative Group. All this in addition to her day job as supervisor of the staff dining room at Calvin College, although she will be retiring at the end of next school year, just in time to assume the presidency of ALTA.

It is an understatement when Ms. Bruursema says that her time is spent in a number of directions. A high level of enthusiasm and organization help her juggle her various responsibilities.

Her duties with ALTA include serving on the executive board and as a member of the budget committee, working with various committee chairs, establishing the priorities and direction of the organization over the next two years, and acting as a liaison between ALTA and ALA. She works hand in hand with ALA and will be meeting with them in October for a full day of training.

Ms. Bruursema enjoys meeting people from all over the country and loves doing workshops and educating trustees. "A good trustee makes for a beautiful library," she says.

A passionate advocate for libraries, Ms. Bruursema believes that much can be achieved with good leadership and the contributions of dedicated people. She says, "If you all work together, you can accomplish a lot."

Make Your Nomination for the Next Round of Mi-Lib-Tech Classes

by Carol McAllister, Librarian Trainer, Library of Michigan

We need your help. It is time to choose technology classes for the next round of offerings from Mi-Lib-Tech.

In September 2001, the Library of Michigan received a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to offer technology training to all public library staff members in Michigan. Since then, over 1,000 public library staff members have registered for the Mi-Lib-Tech classes - ten self-paced online classes in Microsoft desktop applications, Web site security and networking. The next round of classes will start November 1, 2002, and will be available through October 2003.

If you would like to nominate a class, point your browser to *http://www.netg.com/Catalog/it.asp* for Information Technology courses (Internet, programming, UNIX, etc.) and/or *http://www.netg.com/Catalog/desktop.asp* for Desktop courses (Adobe, PC Fundamentals, etc.). All Mi-Lib-Tech classes will be delivered through the Internet, so the classes you nominate must be "e-Learning Courses." Then send the name of the class(es) you would like to take to *cmcallister@michigan.gov.* Courses will be chosen based on demand and availability.

Celebrating Michigan's Literary Heritage

The Robert Traver Literary Landmark

by Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book Coordinator

On June 30, the Robert Traver Literary Landmark was designated at the Marquette County Courthouse in Marquette. The Landmark recognizes the many contributions of John Voelker, a.k.a. Robert Traver, to Michigan literature and culture. Judge John D. Voelker (1903-1991), a former Marquette County judge and the 74th Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, wrote several novels and non-fiction books on fly-fishing under the pseudonym Robert Traver. *Anatomy of a Murder*, his best-known novel, was made into a motion picture in the late 1950s, which received seven Academy Award nominations, including best picture.

The Literary Landmark Designation was part of the John Voelker Birthday Celebration in Marquette from June 27 through June 30. Pam Christensen of the Peter White Public Library in Marquette, the Ishpeming Carnegie Library Friends and Kathy Weber of the Downtown Marquette Association arranged the event. The Michigan Center for the Book, a program of the Library of Michigan, sponsored the Landmark.

At the ceremony, the John Cooper Quartet played jazz, and the Honorable Judge John Weber and Marquette County Prosecutor Gary Walker read from *Anatomy of a Murder.* Professor and film scholar Leonard Heldreth from Northern Michigan University spoke about the movie *Anatomy of a Murder* and showed clips from that and the American Movie Classics "Salute to Michigan" interview with John Voelker. A silent auction for "Laughing Whitefish," a charcoal sketch of Robert Traver by artist Paul Grant, wrapped up the event.

This is Michigan's second Literary Landmark. The first was designated May 22, 2001, at the University of Detroit Mercy for the poet and publisher Dudley Randall. For more information on Literary Landmarks, please contact Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book Coordinator, at (517) 373-3891.

Web Site-ings

by Lucy Roehrig, Library of Michigan Reference Librarian & Knowledge Seeker

Back to School Sites

Ask Dr. Universe

http://www.wsu.edu/DrUniverse/Contents.html

Back to School Themes (for teachers)

http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/themes/backtoschool.shtml

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site

http://www.carolhurst.com/index.html

Children's Literature Resources for Teachers

http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/rteacher.html

DiscoverySchool.com

http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/

Doucette Index - K-12 Literature-Based Teaching Ideas

http://www.educ.ucalgary.ca/litindex/

EdSitement

http://edsitement.neh.gov/

Enchanted Learning

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html

ERIC Clearinghouse - Parent Link List

http://eric.indiana.edu/www/indexfr.html

Highschool Hub

http://highschoolhub.org/hub/hub.cfm

Homework Spot

http://homeworkspot.com/

KidSites

http://www.kidsites.org/

Library of Congress - Learning Page

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/

Math Forum

http://mathforum.org/

Michigan eLibrary

Children & Young Adults

http://mel.org/children/childya.html

Reading Rants

http://www.tln.lib.mi.us/~amutch/jen/index.html

Skill Builder

http://www.parentsoup.com/skill/pages/0,12988,268349_406744,00.html

Virtual Schoolhouse

http://www.ibiblio.org/cisco/schoolhouse/

Web English Teacher

http://www.webenglishteacher.com/

Dexter District Library Election Results

Paul McCann, director of the Dexter District Library, regrets to report that both the bond and millage issues for the library were voted down on June 10. The votes were approximately 2-1 against each issue. The library asked for a 20-year bond for $7.785 million to build a 25,000-square-foot main library and a 20-year, 1.25-mill operating millage for the proposed facility. The library board will now look at the issues raised during the election and make a determination about whether to pursue the same package or to go back to the drawing board.

Disney May Sue Genesee District Library Mascot

Walt Disney Co. officials may challenge the Genesee District Library mascot for an alleged similarity to Mickey Mouse. Last summer, the library submitted a trademark registry request with the U.S. Patent and Trademark office for Book Mouse, a blue, large-eared rodent wearing red-rimmed glasses and a backpack. The mascot appears on bumper stickers and in coloring books and even marches in local parades. "I can't imagine it's deceptively similar to any Disney character we're aware of," said Library attorney Patric Parker. "I don't think we cut into their movie profits this last year."

Around the State

STAR Volunteers Make a Difference

STAR (Special Technologies Alternative Resources) Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, serving Huron, St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, has eight volunteers who contribute many hours working to repair talking book machines, rewind and shelve talking books and put away large print books. Some of them have been touched by sight loss and want to give back to the library for the service it gave to their loved ones. The library feels blessed to have the volunteers and wants to thank them for making a difference! Below, volunteers show their pride during a photo gathering to recognize their accomplishments and community spirit. Posing in their STAR t-shirts are (seated left to right) Jeanette Geno and Walt Richards, (standing left to right) Mary Smith and Al Kasdorf.

Your 2002 Access Team: back row L-R, Tim Watters, Casey Kremers, Nancy Whitmer, Lucy Roehrig; front L-R, Linda Neely, Jo Budler, Marnie Elden, Jennifer Houseman and Andrew Wilson. Not pictured: Becky Cawley and Karrie Waarala.

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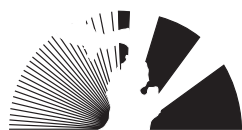
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